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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senate Armed Services Briefing on Strategic
Defense Initiative

1. On 8 March 1984, the Senate Armed Services Committee was briefed on the Administration's "Strategic Defense Initiatives" by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Department of Defense. The briefing began at 1000 hours in Room 222 of the Senate Russell Office Building. A transcript was taken. []

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2. Present from the Committee were:

Barry M. Goldwater (R., AR), presiding	Sam Nunn (D., GA)
John W. Warner (R., VA)	John C. Stennis (D., MS)
William S. Cohen (R., ME)	Jeff Bingaman (D., NM)
Dan Quayle (R., IN)	Alan J. Dixon (D., IL)
Pete Wilson (R., CA)	

Present from the staff were:

Arnold Punaro, Staff Director for the Minority
Douglas R. Graham, Research Assistant
Robert F. Bott, Professional Staff Member
William E. Hoehn, Jr., Professional Staff Member

CIA participants were:

Lawrence Gershwin, NIO/SP

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3. The briefing began with an overview at the Secret level of Soviet ballistic missile defense activities by Dr. Gershwin. Dr. Gershwin discussed recent anti-ballistic missile developments and the possibility of a deployed nationwide system by the end of the century. He also raised the ABM potential [redacted] in information about its capabilities. Dr. Gershwin then discussed directed-energy weapons including Soviet long-term efforts to develop a program which could include space-based lasers. [redacted]

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4. Following Dr. Gershwin's presentation, the briefing was open to the public for testimony by the Department of Defense. Dr. Richard De Lauer, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and Dr. Fred Ikle, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, issued statements (attached) and responded to questions from the Committee.

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